

Acquisition Method Suffix Code (AMSC).

Solicitations posted on DIBBS (the DLA Internet Bid Board System) typically have been assigned an AMSC code to the items being solicited. The AMSC is a single digit alpha code, assigned by a DoD activity which is designed to provide relevant engineering, manufacturing, and technical information that describes the appropriate if not acceptable sources for that item. These codes also indicate the whether an item should be solicited as a fully competitive items (e.g., AMSC G, where the Government owns the technical data). Some items that have an AMSC of G may also include a First Article Test (FAT) requirement. Other AMSC codes describe items that are either referred to as "code and part number" or "approved source" items. If DLA is buying "code and part number" items from a new manufacturer, the Military Services may require a FAT prior to approving that OEM (original equipment manufacturer) as an approved source of supply. There are times also where the Services may require a Source Approval Request package for evaluation/approval.

AMSC A. The Government's right to use data in its possession is questionable. This code is only applicable to parts under immediate buy requirements and for as long thereafter as rights to data are still under review for resolution and appropriate coding. This code is assigned only at the conclusion of limited screening, and it remains assigned until the full screening process resolves the Government's rights to use data and results in assignment of a different AMSC.

AMSC B. This part must be acquired from a manufacturing source(s) specified on a source control or selected item drawing as defined by the current version of DoD-STD-100. Suitable technical data, Government data rights, or manufacturing knowledge are not available to permit acquisition from other sources, nor qualification testing of another part, nor use of a second source part in the intended application. Although, by DoD-STD-100 definition, altered and selected items shall have an adequate technical data package, data review discloses that required data or data rights are not in Government possession and cannot be economically obtained.

AMSC C. This part requires engineering source approval by the design control activity in order to maintain the quality of the part. Existing unique design capability, engineering skills, and manufacturing knowledge by the qualified source(s) require acquisition of the part from the approved source(s). The approved source(s) retain data rights, manufacturing knowledge, or technical data that are not economically available to the Government, and the data or knowledge is essential to maintaining the quality of the part. An alternate source must qualify in accordance with the design control activity's procedures, as approved by the cognizant Government engineering activity. The qualification procedures must be approved by the Government engineering activity having jurisdiction over the part in the intended application.

AMSC D. The data needed to acquire this part competitively is not physically available, it cannot be obtained economically, nor is it possible to draft adequate specifications or any other adequate, economical description of the material for a competitive solicitation.

AMSC E. (Reserved)

AMSC F. (Reserved)

AMSC G. The Government has rights to the technical data, the data package is complete, and there are no technical data, engineering, tooling or manufacturing restrictions. (This is the only

AMSC that implies that parts are candidates for full and open competition. Other AMSCs such as K, M, N, Q, and S may imply limited competition when two or more independent sources exist yet the technical data package is inadequate for full and open competition.)

AMSC H. The Government physically does not have in its possession sufficient, accurate, or legible data to purchase this part from other than the current source(s). This code is applicable only to parts under immediate buy requirements and only for as long thereafter as the deficiency is under review for resolution and appropriate recoding. This code is only assigned at the conclusion of limited screening, and it remains assigned until the full screening process resolves physical data questions and results in assignment of a different AMSC.

AMSC I. (Not authorized)

AMSC J. (Reserved)

AMSC K. This part must be produced from class 1 castings and similar type forgings as approved (controlled) by procedures contained in the current version of MIL-STD-2175.

AMSC L. The annual buy value of this part falls below the screening threshold established by DoD components and field activities. However, this part has been screened for additional known sources, resulting in either confirmation that the initial source exists or that other sources may supply the part. No additional screening was performed to identify the competitive or noncompetitive conditions that would result in assignment of a different AMSC. This code shall not be used when screening parts entering the inventory. This code shall be used only to replace AMSC O for parts under the established screening threshold.

AMSC M. Manufacture of this part requires use of master or coordinated tooling.

AMSC N. Manufacture of this part requires special test and/or inspection facilities to determine and maintain ultra-precision quality for its function or system integrity. Substantiation and inspection of the precision or quality cannot be accomplished without such specialized test or inspection facilities.

AMSC O. The part was not assigned an AMSC when it entered the inventory, nor has it ever completed screening. Maximum effort to determine the applicability of an alternate AMSC is the objective.

AMSC P. The rights to use the data needed to purchase this part from additional source(s) are not owned by the Government and cannot be purchased, developed, or otherwise obtained. It is uneconomical to reverse engineer this part. This code is used in situations where the Government has the data but does not own the rights to the data.

AMSC Q. The Government does not have adequate data, lacks rights to data, or both needed to purchase this part from additional sources. The Government has been unable to economically buy the data or rights to the data, although the part has been undergoing full screening for 12 or more months. Breakout to competition has not been achieved, but current, continuing actions to obtain necessary rights to data or adequate, reproducible technical data indicate breakout to competition is expected to be achieved. This part may be a candidate for reverse engineering or

other techniques to obtain technical data. All AMSC Q items are required to be reviewed within the timeframes cited in 2-203(b).

AMSC R. The Government does not own the data or the rights to the data needed to purchase this part from additional sources. It has been determined to be uneconomical to buy the data or rights to the data. It is uneconomical to reverse engineer the part. This code is used when the Government did not initially purchase the data and/or rights.

AMSC S. Acquisition of this item is restricted to Government approved source(s) because the production of this item involves unclassified but militarily sensitive technology (see FAR Subpart 6.3).

AMSC T. Acquisition of this part is controlled by qualified products list (QPL) procedures. Competition for this part is limited to sources which are listed on or are qualified for listing on the QPL at the time of award (see FAR Part 9 and DFARS Part 209).

AMSC U. The cost to the Government to breakout this part and acquire it competitively has been determined to exceed the projected savings over the life span of the part.

AMSC V. This part has been designated a high reliability part under a formal reliability program. Probability of failure would be unacceptable from the standpoint of safety of personnel and/or equipment. The cognizant engineering activity has determined that data to define and control reliability limits cannot be obtained nor is it possible to draft adequate specifications for this purpose.

AMSC W. (Reserved)

AMSC X. (Not authorized)

AMSC Y. The design of this part is unstable. Engineering, manufacturing, or performance characteristics indicate that the required design objectives have not been achieved. Major changes are contemplated because the part has a low process yield or has demonstrated marginal performance during tests or service use. These changes will render the present part obsolete and unusable in its present configuration. Limited acquisition from the present source is anticipated pending configuration changes.

AMSC Z. This part is a commercial/nondevelopmental/off-the-shelf item. Commercial item descriptions, commercial vendor catalog or price lists or commercial manuals assigned a technical manual number apply.

[Source: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Procedures, Guidance and Information (PGI) 217.75 at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/pgi/pgi.htm/PGI217_75.htm]